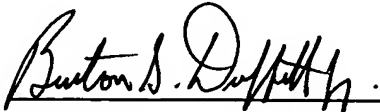


Substitute for Form PTO-1380		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 032221-058	
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES          DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)          CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/528,769	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FI2003/000694		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 24 September 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 25 September 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION  METHOD AND DEVICE FOR EXCLUDING ENTRY OF DEBRIS INTO AN OUTER SEAL OF A SHAFT PASSING THROUGH THE HULL OF A MARITIME VESSEL					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US LAURI ESKOLA					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below.					
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).					
5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.					
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).					
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:					
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.					
14. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.					
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.					
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.					
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.					
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:					
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<p>21. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="4">Basic Filing Fee (1631)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Surcharge of <b>\$130.00 (1617)</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</td> <td>\$ 130.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>CLAIMS</td> <td>NUMBER FILED</td> <td>NUMBER EXTRA</td> <td>RATE</td> <td>\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td>-20 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>X \$50.00 (1615)</td> <td>\$ 0.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td>-3 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>X \$200.00 (1614)</td> <td>\$ 0.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td>+ \$360.00 (1616)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Examination Fee</td> <td>+ \$200.00 (1633)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Search Fee</td> <td>+ \$500.00 (1632)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</td> <td>\$ 130.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. 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Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Burns, Doane, Swecker &amp; Mathis, L.L.P. P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620</p> <div style="text-align: right;">           SIGNATURE          _____          Benton S. 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